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One year later: Volunteers continue to help Katrina's victims

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UNO student Nikola Jordan spent part of her summer eating military MREs, meals ready to eat, in an area she described as looking like a "war zone:" St. Bernard Parish, La.

Today marks the one-year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, which left much of the region devastated and hundreds of thousands of Americans displaced. A year later, much of the region is still untouched since the hurricane, and many victims are still struggling to pick up the pieces of their lives.

As part of a nationwide effort to help these victims, Jordan was one of several UNO students who spent part of their summer break doing relief work with Operation Blessing, a Christian relief organization.

"The psychological damage to these people is hard to understand unless you've been down there," Jordan said.

Caitlin Wells, a Native American studies major, was also part of the UNO group.

"What you see on the news is not like anything you experience down there," she said. "So many of the businesses have not reopened. It could take 10 years to rebuild and be back to where they were."

Jordan agreed with Wells, saying her first reaction was "more shocked than surprised" by "how terrible it really was."

When they first visited the region over spring break, several months after the disaster, it looked like it happened only the week before, she said.

"There were entire communities of just empty homes," said Nick German, a UNO marketing major. "Pretty much everywhere that's not in the downtown area is pretty much empty."

Despite these conditions, German said there is still hope amid the destruction.

"The people there, the people who are there now, are resolute; they want to rebuild," he said. "I think that the people who are down there now have hope."

All three of the volunteers worked together on the same house while in St. Bernard Parish, saving the home of a family from the bulldozer list.

"Probably the coolest thing about this trip was... we ended up spending about four days working on this one house for a family," German said.

Wells said that the family helped out, despite having to care for as many as 11 people, including a disabled couple. The family also cooked traditional Cajun meals for the volunteers, including jambalaya and crayfish, as well as red beans and rice.

"They were amazing, wonderful people," Jordan said.

Jordan went on to say that the region has become

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photo by Kelsey Zach

Senior Ben Buchta stands next to a destroyed Volkswagen in front of a devastated area in Louisiana. Buchta was one of many UNO students who took part in Katrina relief during spring break last year. According to the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, there were still 135 people listed as missing as of Aug. 2. This was the final missing persons report compiled by the organization.

UNO ranks among top-tier colleges in Midwest

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The University of Nebraska at Omaha received top-tier scores from two of the nation's leaders in college rankings this year.

"UNO's ascent into the top Midwestern tier reflects the continuing commitment of faculty and staff to meet and exceed our students' needs and expectations," UNO Chancellor Nancy Belck said in a statement.

U.S. News and World Report, in its 2007 "America's Best Colleges" edition, ranked each college in the Midwest based on a series of 15 areas of academic excellence, including peer assessment scores and graduation retention.

UNO scored a 3.0 out of 5.0 on the peer assessment scale, becoming one of 22 institutions in the Midwest ranked in the Report's top tier of colleges. Creighton had the highest ranking in the Midwest with a peer assessment score of 4.1.

Among the institutions in the top tier, UNO has nine nationally-ranked graduate programs. The undergraduate business program was ranked among the top 150 in the United States.

The business program was rated by a survey organized by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. Fifteen percent of all business programs around the globe are accredited by AACSB International.

UNO's Service Learning Academy also ranked

nationally, said Director of Service Learning Paul Sather. Service learning is a partnership among students, faculty and community organizations.

It was a significant recognition for the program, Sather said. The program was one of 42 out of 975 colleges to receive recognition.

The Princeton Review listed UNO among the best Midwestern colleges. The Review highlighted 644 colleges nationwide and based their ranking off admissions, financial aid, student body demographics and academics.

The recent rankings are significant improvements as UNO moves from its image of a commuter campus to that of a metropolitan university.

"UNO doesn't pursue rankings as a goal," said Linda Mannering, director of institutional research. "The rankings come with the good work from the other goals already set for the university."

One reason the rankings are not focused on is that UNO students generally do not consider them when deciding to attend the university.

"Only about 8 percent of incoming students who were surveyed look at the rankings," Mannering said.

Even though few students take rankings into account, freshman Stephanie Whiteman thinks the rankings are good for UNO students.

"I feel more comfortable being educated at a top-tier school," she said. "It gives us more recognition and encourages students to enroll, which would help make UNO a more diverse university."

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Biking trip planned for Sept. 5

The Outdoor Venture Center has planned a biking excursion at Tranquility Park on Sept. 5. This trail is located in West Omaha and provides a wide range of terrain, including tight and winding paths to open areas and swooping descents. The trailhead is located near the intersection of 120th and Fort streets.

ARTSaha! showcases music at UNO

Running Sept. 6 through 10, ARTSaha! is a music festival with a variety of acts. This ANALOG arts ensemble is hosted by UNO and the Nebraska Humanities and Arts Council. Most events are free and take place on UNO.

More information, including a full schedule, is available at artsaha.org.

New Art Exhibit to Run Through Sept. 3

A new art show titled "Toward Spiritual Freedom: The Art of Falun Gong" is open in the UNO Art Gallery. Falun Gong is an ancient Chinese tradition of meditation and self-improvement, which is the main focus of this exhibit.

There are 17 pieces showcased that show the courage of those who practiced Falun Gong in the People's Republic of China.

The exhibit is free to the public. The gallery is open from noon to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; noon to 8 p.m. on Thursday, and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

A new food venue opens on campus

The Library Cafe is now open. The Library Cafe will serve an assortment of items, including Starbucks coffee and espresso, homemade breads, muffins, pastries, sandwiches, soups and salads.

The Library Cafe hours are as follows:

Monday through Thursday
7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Learn to dance like a star

Campus Recreation and Mav-Rec Wellness are hosting swing, ballroom and Latin dance lessons. Classes start Sept. 17 and take place in room 230 of HPER.

Session One (Sundays): Sept. 17, 24 and Oct. 1, 8

Times: Swing, 1 to 2 p.m.; ballroom, 2 to 3 p.m.; and Latin, 3 to 4 p.m.

Cost: \$15 for activity cardholders and \$13 for a friend; \$18 for non-activity cardholders and \$15 for a friend.

Those wishing to take multiple classes should add \$5 per person per additional class.

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a "second home" to her and her friends, and that they plan to go back this winter.

"We had planned on going to the French Quarter to do some sightseeing, but decided it was more important to finish the house," she said. "We had such a wonderful time getting to know people. We decided we had to go again."

Of course, volunteer efforts are not the only way that UNO students have helped Katrina victims recover.

"The UNO-to-UNO hurricane relief effort ended at the end of the last academic year," said Rita Henry, assistant vice chancellor for student affairs. "We raised \$6,800 that we sent to the University of New Orleans' hurricane recovery fund."

Several campus organizations have also gathered supplies and sent volunteers to the region over the last year.

Wells urged UNO students to continue to do what they can to assist the hurricane victims.

"The work is not going to be done for a very long time," she said. "Even if you can give a dollar, or if you can give a week, it will not go unnoticed. It will really change people's lives in a very real way."

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Crunch time woes at financial aid avoidable

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Financial aid, much like a certain green ogre, is like an onion. It has layers. Before aid can ever reach the student, it must go through a process that includes stops on several different desks in many different offices. At the core of these layers is the student. Ultimately, students control how quickly aid hits their accounts on campus and refunds hit their bank accounts.

Randy Sell, the director of financial aid, said students must first complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The results of that filing must go to the university, the state and the lenders. At that point the university creates an aid package for students. The speed with which that aid package is disbursed again relies on the student's expedience in accepting the parts of the package he or she desires.

"We are a reactive office. We can't start until students start," Sell said.

Even when all of that is done, there is still the possibility that a student may need to submit additional information to the university, such as federal verification paperwork. Verification paperwork is needed when a student is randomly chosen to submit extra paperwork, such as copies of tax forms and residence information. Barring any complications, like errors on the paperwork, that can add up to an additional 10 days to the process. Waiting to complete any of the steps will inevitably slow down a student's refund.

"There is no way we would be able to get through that many steps when students would like to get [their

disbursement]," Sell said.

At best, Sell said, because of federal guidelines and laws governing student aid, federal student aid cannot be disbursed more than 10 days before the semester begins. But even then it can take up to 10 days to get the money to the student.

Sell said the most important part of avoiding the last minute financial aid crunch is to have all paperwork turned in by Mar. 1, the priority date set by the financial aid office. Doing so benefits everyone involved, but particularly the

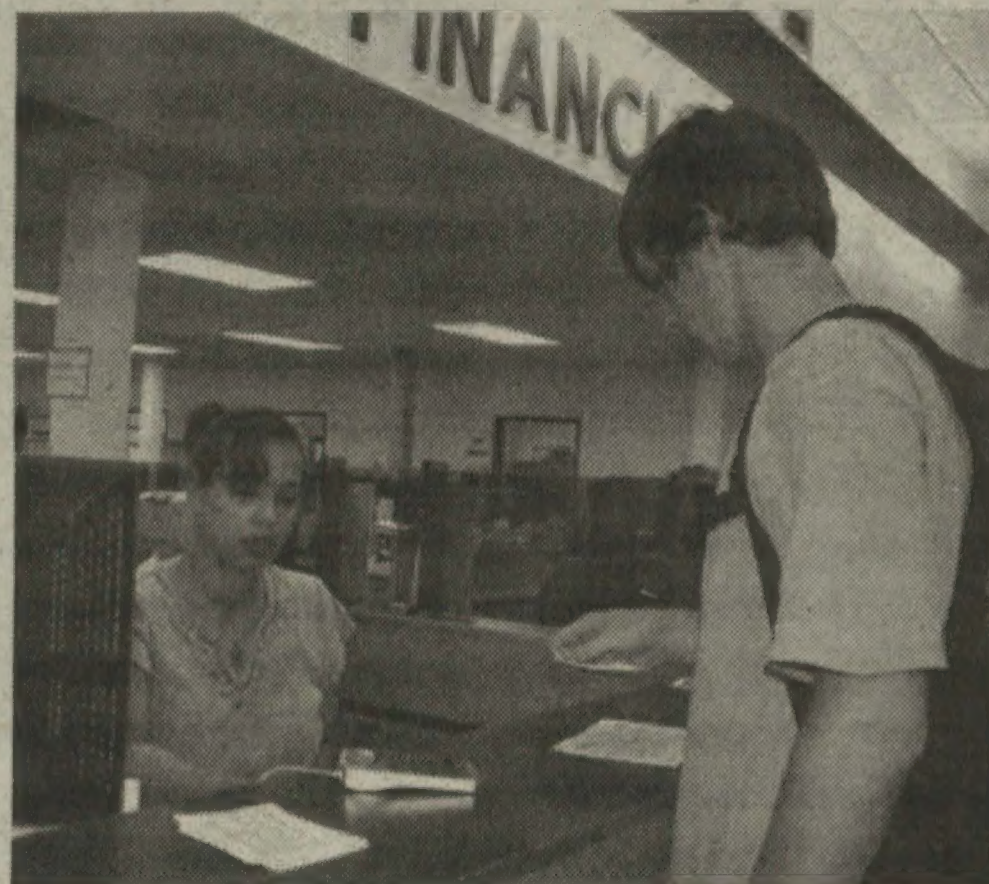


photo by Angi Sada
Grant specialist Echelle Childers helps junior Paul Regier with loan paperwork.

student.

Sell said it is not an entirely foreign sight to see dozens of students lined up at the financial aid counter in Eppley Administration Building on the first two days of the semester. Many are checking the progress of already filed financial aid paperwork, but several are often just checking in for the first time.

"It's like the swallows in Capistrano," Sell said. "It's very busy the first two days of the semester."

Despite the lines, many students are repeat late entry customers.

Junior Paul Regier was in line looking to extend his loan options. Regier had all of his information in on time and had already received his disbursement.

"I'm here to see about taking out an unsubsidized [Stafford] loan," he said. "I just might take another job and I'm going to need more money to pay rent."

While financial aid offers many last minute methods to assist students, Sell maintains it is most important to start early.

"Turning in your [paperwork] early ensures you the best aid package available," he said.

When the unexpected happens and students need quick cash for things like additional lab and supply fees or automotive repairs, Financial Aid offers a short-term loan. This loan can be obtained throughout the semester. It comes with a fee and a repayment agreement.

The office also offers loan vouchers for the bookstore.

"In a perfect world there would be no book vouchers," Sell said.

The vouchers are made available to students who are awaiting a financial aid decision. They can be only be used during the first week of the semester. They cover up to \$300 worth of merchandise from the UNO Bookstore, including textbooks, lab supplies and backpacks.

Sell, a UNO graduate himself, said while the process may sometimes be laborious, it has come a long way since his graduation in 1975.

"Students take for granted that these things will be available

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New university vice president, provost first woman to hold office

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As the University of Nebraska system welcomes its student body back for the new school year, it also greets a recently appointed executive vice president and provost.

Linda Pratt was appointed by NU President James B. Milliken and approved unanimously by the Board of Regents in June.

"Dr. Pratt is very qualified for the position and will serve the university well," said Jay Noren, who previously held the position but left to be the founding dean of UNMC's College of Public Health.

Pratt will be the first woman to hold this position.

The responsibilities of the provost include the oversight of academic programs and research, as well as the review of promotion and tenure recommendations, Pratt said.

Recently, her office has been working to orient the recently appointed NU regent Bob Phares.

"We were just preparing documents for the new regent, explaining to him the workings of the university," Pratt said. "We also work with the coordinating commission for post-secondary education, the state entity that oversees all of the colleges and universities in the state."

Pratt brings recent experience from being the interim dean for the Arts and Sciences department at UNL.

"We needed to preserve the research that we were doing, but also move our scientific research forward, so finding the funding and organizing that was my single biggest challenge," Pratt said.

Pratt's research has focused on women and minorities within the university setting. She was part of the team that authored a required report stating that the NU system is not on par with its peer institutions in regards to female faculty members.

"The University of Nebraska has made significant progress in the past decade in increasing the number of women on the faculty," according to the report.

In response, the provost's office has been working to increase the diversity of the faculty by providing the funds to hire new professors.

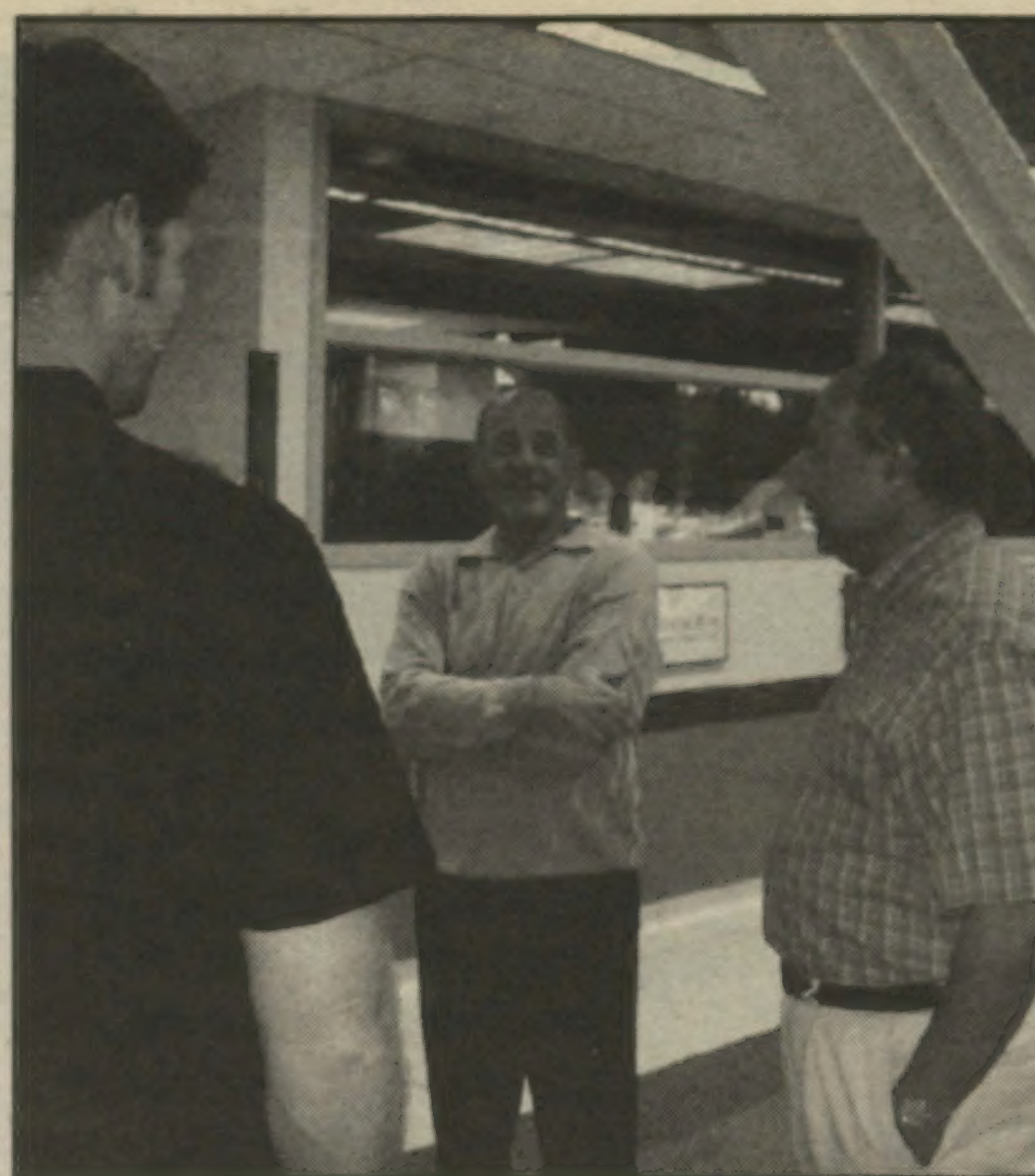
"UNO recently received a portion of \$1 million that has been set aside specifically to help hire diverse faculty members," Pratt said.

Pratt previously was a professor and chair of the English department at UNL.

"I'm pleased that Linda Pratt will join the university's senior leadership in this key role," President Milliken said in a statement. "As an accomplished member of the faculty, department chair and interim dean, she brings invaluable campus experience and an important perspective to the President's office."



Linda Pratt



Retiring dean David Hinton and incoming dean Hesham Ali spoke with students during a reception Friday.

photo by Taylor Muller

IS&T college welcomes new dean

TAYLOR MULLER

ASST. NEWS/SPORTS EDITOR

A new school year always brings change. This year, the College of Information Science and Technology said goodbye to its former dean and welcomed a new leader.

After being with the university for 34 years, most recently serving for five years as the dean of the College of IS&T, David Hinton is retiring.

Hinton was well liked as dean, being described as a friendly, helpful mentor by his students.

"Dean Hinton was the first person I met on this campus, and he helped me get my current job," said Don Maulsby, a freshman management information systems major. "I'm here to pay my respects."

A gathering of students in the atrium of the Peter Kiewit Institute on Friday marked the student reception celebrating the retirement of Hinton and the introduction of the new dean, Hesham Ali.

Those students at the reception voiced their dismay at losing their dean and good friend.

"I'm really sad. In my opinion he's the best dean I've ever had," said Siuaram Kurabati, a graduate computer science

student.

"When I came from India, the first person I met was David," Kurabati said. "He encouraged me and supported me when I was frustrated."

According to Hinton, there are about 800 graduate and undergraduate students in the College of IS&T.

"I know most of my students by name," Hinton said.

Hinton seemed at ease with his retirement, joking with the students that he was "not going to do anything" after leaving UNO. He later explained that he was planning to continue working with non-profit organizations.

"I'll stay involved with the community and the university," Hinton said. "I'll continue with the public schools and the outstanding student programs."

Ali was already getting to know the students at the reception, mingling and talking to both students and faculty.

"Dean Hinton was always especially student friendly, and I intend to continue that tradition," Ali said.

Ali was previously the associate dean for academic affairs for the college and a professor of computer science.

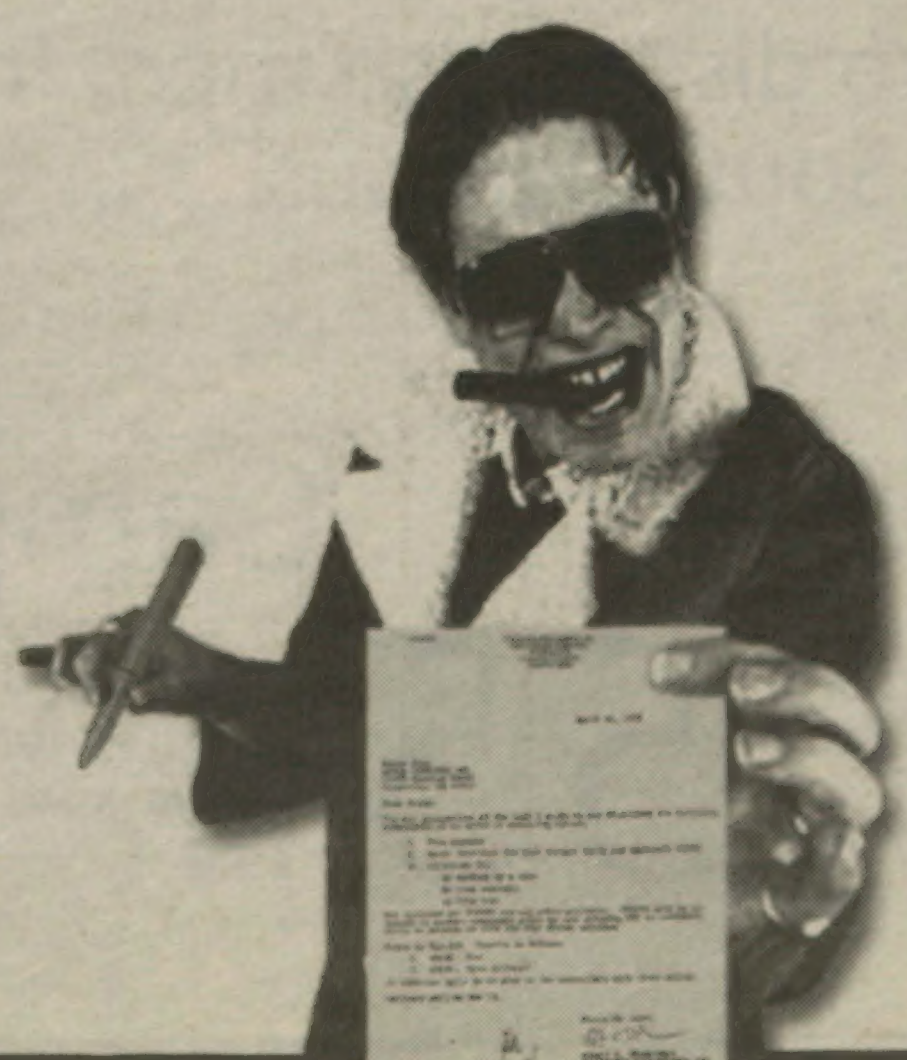
As dean, Ali already has a vision of

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to them," he said. "I remember there being lines [in the past] in the student center that you had to stand in all day." While he acknowledges the tedium in the financial aid process, Sell said it is necessary because it is all many students have.

"It is more complicated than it needs to be, but it is the system [we must use],"

he said. "We can't get aid to the students without it."

Getting the aid to the student and knowing they will complete their education is what makes the process worthwhile to Sell.

"I know it sounds cheesy, but I feel like I'm making a difference," he said.

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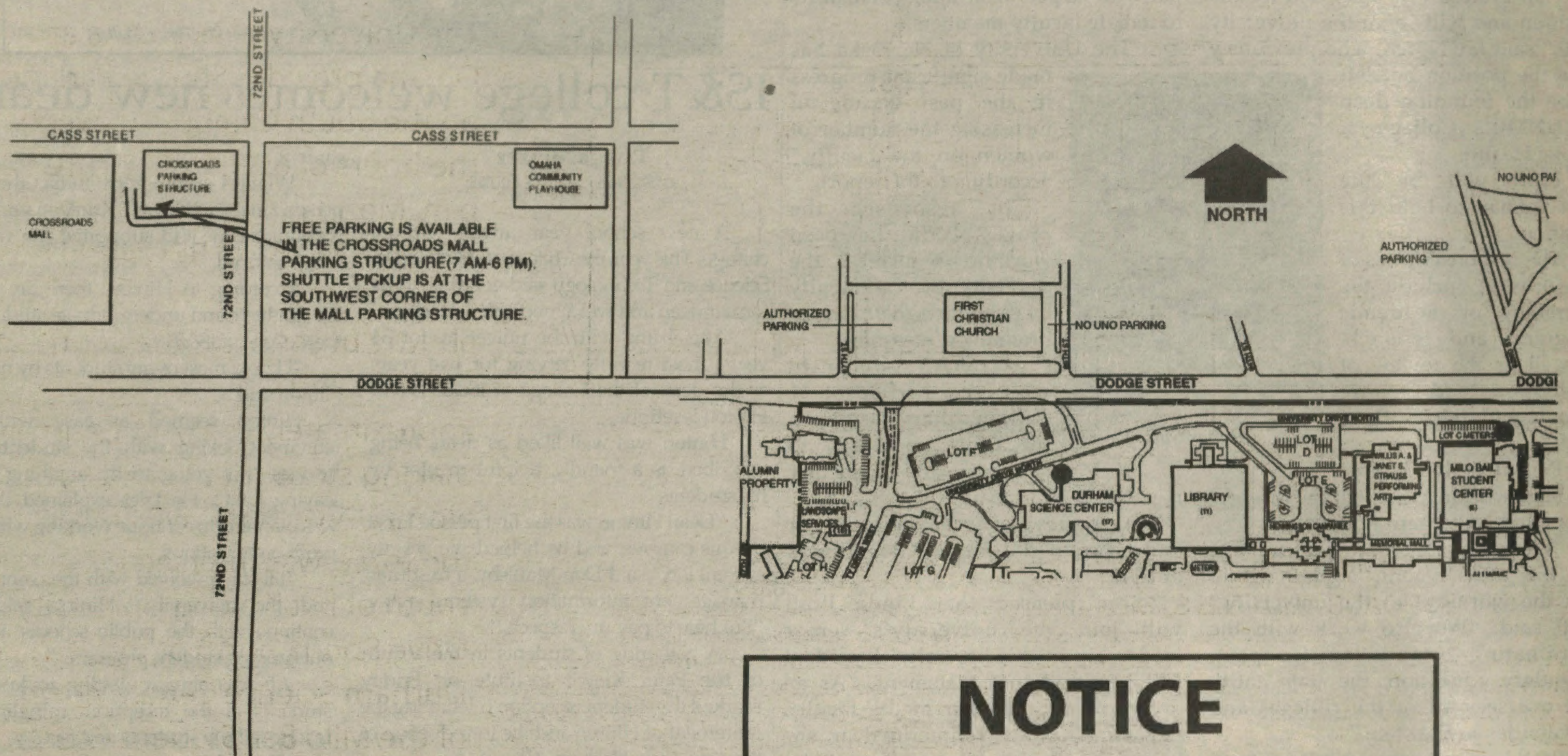
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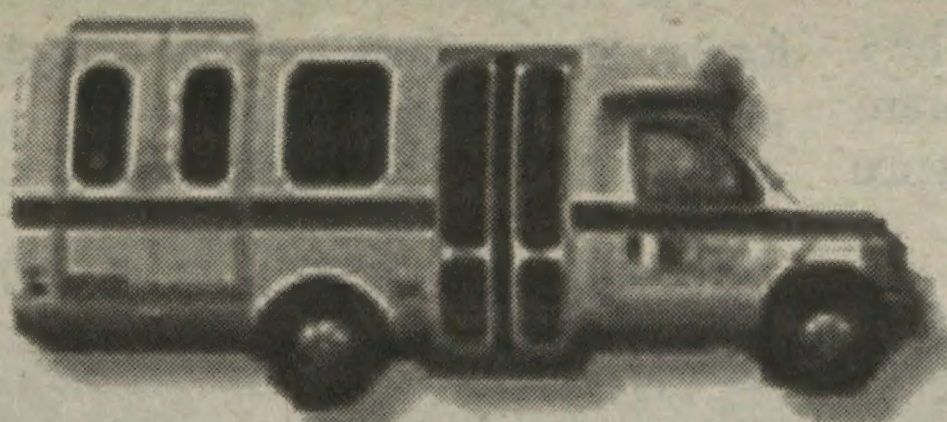
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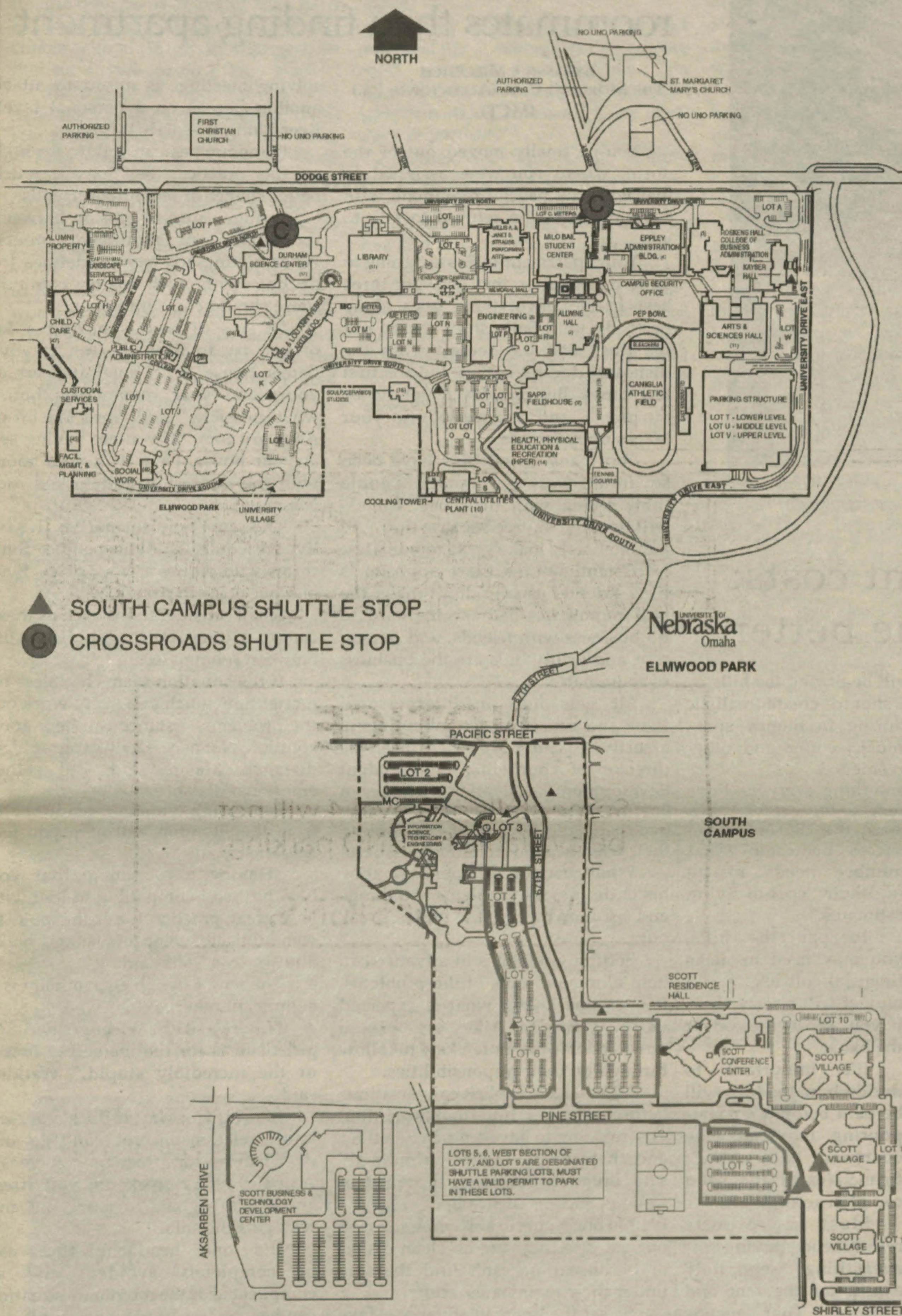
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The shuttle bus loads/unloads in Lots 5, 6, 7 and 9 on South Campus.

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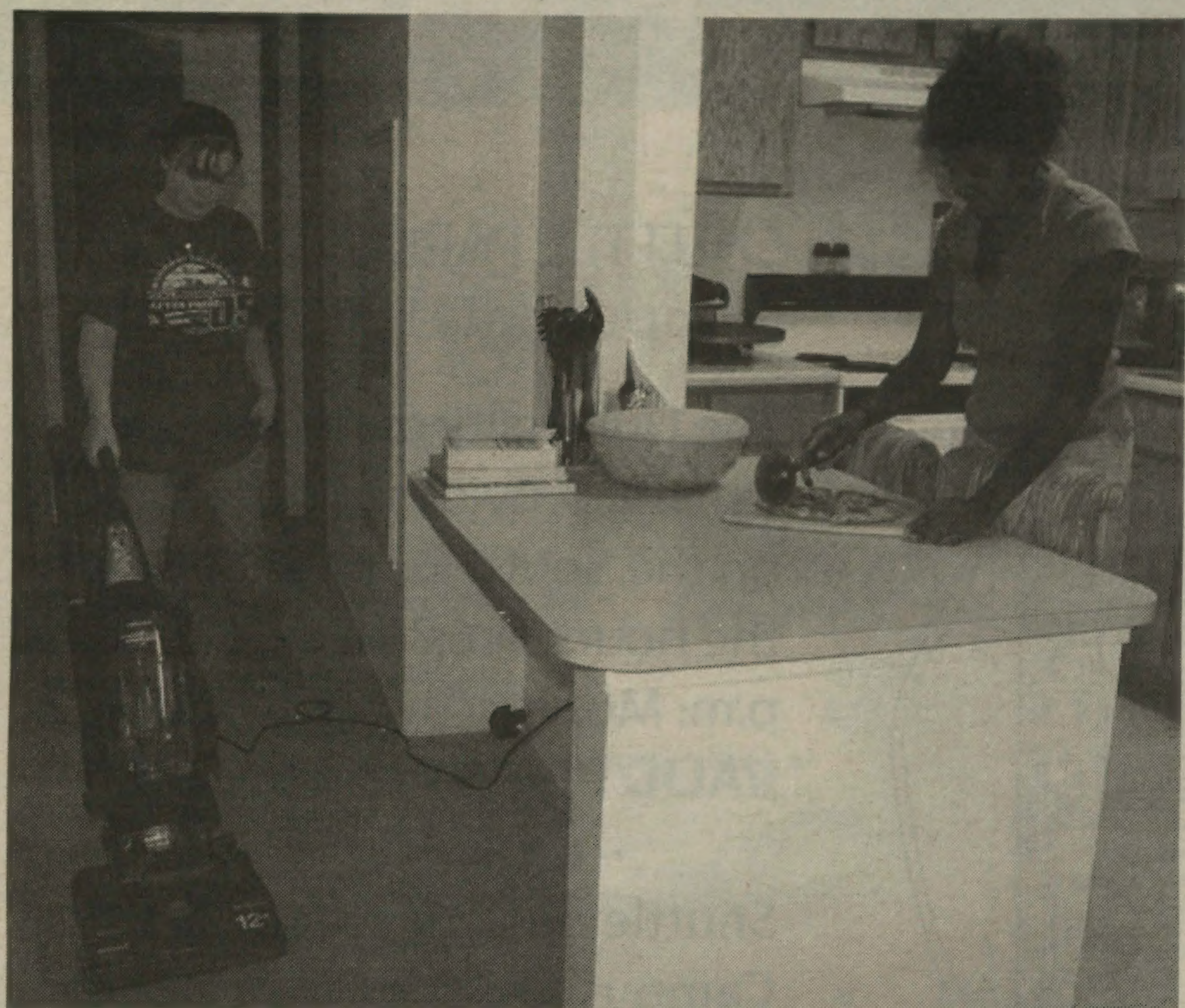


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Sophomore Amanda Muller (right) shares an off-campus apartment with roommate Alicia Hoelsing.

Dividing up apartment costs: The sooner you act the better

By JESSICA MILCETICH
THE MORNING CALL (ALLENTOWN, PA.)
(MCT)

The easiest way to handle the new financial obligations that come with renting an apartment is to tackle them head on from Day 1.

Determine how you and your

roommates will be paying the bills.

Students should create realistic budgets, factoring in money spent on movies, music, coffee and other everyday conveniences.

"Beer is one thing everyone buys that no one seems to budget for," says Brendon Burchard, the CEO of College Success Bootcamp. "That number needs to go in their cost-of-living estimates."

To pay the bills, you may need to make financial cutbacks, and a budget will clearly show if you are in the red or the black.

It's important to decide how the bills will be paid before they start pouring in. That way everyone knows their financial expectations and can plan accordingly.

Most experts recommend paying for everything separately except for the rent and utilities. That means everyone should be buying their own food, laundry soap and toothpaste.

It's hard enough for students to handle their own bills, let alone have to worry about splitting them with their roommates.

"Every college student in the country breaks that rule," Burchard says. "And that's where the trouble begins. It's a no-contest rule in my mind. Don't share finances."

That may seem easy for most things, but things get a little sticky when considering the dinner situation.

Breakfast and lunch

WARNING! There's more to roommates than finding apartment

By JESSICA MILCETICH
THE MORNING CALL (ALLENTOWN, PA.)
(MCT)

You've finally moved out of the dorm, where you were assigned to live with the psycho roommate with hot-pink hair who refused to talk to you.

Your apartment-mates are going to be so much better; they are your three best friends. Everything goes along perfectly until Sally stops taking out the trash and Joe doesn't wash the dishes. It doesn't bother you the first few times. But one day it gets to be too much, and you explode at your lazy, sloppy friends.

Too many friendships have been squandered away because people think living with their best friends will be problem-free because they will automatically make great roommates.

Oftentimes the exact opposite is true. Friends usually don't make the best roommates because it's hard to do business with friends, and paying rent and utility bills are the business of roommates.

"It gets into an interpersonal issue and causes anxiety about being assertive," said Roger Danchise, the director of counseling and student development at Bentley College in Boston. "People have a hard time bypassing the anxiety of confronting their friends about roommate issues."

What usually happens is they never discuss the problems and things end up blowing up and fights break out.

Setting guidelines in advance can help eliminate some of the problems. If everyone knows what is expected of them and the rules are written down, people are more likely to follow through on their responsibilities.

"If you have explicit conversations before you get into that situation, you're going to have a much healthier and happier living environment," said Brendon Burchard, the CEO of College Success Bootcamp.

No one wants to always be stressed out because there are no clean dishes or because they can't find the sofa under their roommates' stuff.

So set the limits in advance. Make a list of chores that explicitly says who is responsible for what. If one person does the dishes, then another can vacuum and a third can take out the trash.

If a problem arises and one person doesn't do his share of the work, have a meeting immediately. The longer a problem is left to fester, the harder it will be to confront the person about it.

"If you have the list on paper, they can't argue with you as much," said Boyce Watkins, author of the book "Everything You Wanted to Know About College" and a professor at Syracuse University. "Most people will eventually give in."

It's important to agree in advance that if a problem does arise, all parties involved will lay the friendship aside and approach the issue as business partners. Nothing said in the problem-

solving meetings is meant to attack another person on a personal level. Everything is strictly business.

If roommates can follow through on this practice, they have a much better chance of remaining friends.

A huge cause of tension between roommates are significant others. When setting advance guidelines for dealing with such visits, common sense should come into play.

"If one of you is having a lot of sex, try to have the sex at your date's house or a hotel instead of yours and your roommate's house when possible," said April Masini of AskApril.com. "If you are having sex at your house, have it in your room with the door shut and locked, not common space."

The same goes for parties. If you live with quiet, studious people, don't throw wild parties at your place. Find another place to party.

Small considerations such as these can go a long way in building trust between roommates.

If the situation seems hopeless no matter how much you try to work out the problems, distance can be a good solution. Not necessarily geographical distance, Masini said, but rather emotional distance.

Separating yourself emotionally from the situation will help you feel less frustrated.

"Having a roommate that you like, but isn't compatible to live with is a great practice for being able to communicate, compromise and make adjustments," she said.

The worst possible roommate is a significant other.

"Living with a boyfriend or girlfriend is for the incredibly horny or the incredibly stupid," Watkins said.

It's a quick way to lock yourself into a relationship you can't get out of. Chances for pregnancy increase. And if you do break up, you stress about who's going to move out and who gets the sofa.

It's one headache that can be completely avoided, and as complicated as the roommate situation can be, one less headache is a gift.

HOW TO PICK A GOOD ROOMMATE

To select a compatible living partner, look for the answers to these four questions:

Smoking: Does the person smoke or not? If so, is this a problem for you?

Schedules: Does the person have compatible sleep, class and work schedules?

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Anyone that has lived on campus knows that messy roommates can be one of the worst experiences imaginable. So is it really that hard to imagine the kind of stress that comes with cleaning up after several thousand students on a daily basis?

Welcome to the life of the men and women working in UNO Housekeeping. You may see them around campus in their blue work clothes without giving them much thought. Whether students want to admit it or not, there is no other job as important or as thankless.

A custodial worker who chose to just be called "Tommy" has been working at UNO on and off for three years. It's not the changes the campus has seen that he's noticed, it's the things that haven't changed that really get his attention.

Almost every night when he

cleans the floors, people walk across floors that he just mopped, meaning that the floor is once again dirty, and to fulfill his job description, he has to go back and do the task all over again.

"If you can't make a detour and you see me cleaning you're adding more work on me," he said. "It's been the same every school semester, people walking across my floor of all ages regardless."

Rather than speak up, Tommy just shakes his head and goes back to cleaning the floors, not because he is afraid to say anything, but because he has and it hasn't made a difference.

"Nobody cares. Nobody stops," Tommy said. "They totally ignore me, whether I've got the 'Wet Floor' signs up or not... If the tables were reversed, if they were cleaning [the floor] and I saw them cleaning it I'd make sure I head in another direction."

Tommy's job as a custodial worker

is to clean the floors and carpet up in the Milo Bail Student Center food court. He often finds himself doing many other jobs, including emptying ash trays from the patio, cleaning off tables with food left on them along with trying to get out food or drinks that have been ground into the carpet.

Tommy said he doesn't mind the work, but it's the fact that nobody notifies the staff when it happens, meaning the mess has set in to the carpet and makes it harder than it should be. And it isn't just the stains. It's leaving chairs out of place and moving tables together that aren't moved back.

"They leave them right where they're at," Tommy said. "They leave food on top of them. Sometimes there's water all over them, we get wet...it's not my job to clean tables and chairs."

The biggest problem Tommy

faces isn't the workload or the fact that he has to repeat the same tasks sometimes two or three times to keep it clean until morning, it's that even after three years at UNO he doesn't feel like he is a part of the campus community.

"I just have to shake my head," he said. "My work, to me, seems like it's in vain."

In the three years Tommy has been working at UNO, he can only remember three students thanking him for doing his job.

Tommy explained he isn't looking to be sympathized with or praised for what he does; he just wishes students would take into consideration that he's doing his part to be a part of the community and to benefit it as well.

"More or less the students don't make me feel like I'm welcome, like I really belong there," he said. "They make me feel like an outsider. That's the way I really feel."

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are easy meals to keep separate, but at dinnertime, roommates tend to eat the same meal together using one roommate's food supply.

One solution Burchard offers is to operate like a restaurant. If you or a roommate cooks dinner, everyone else who eats that food pays at the table. The cook should collect that day. Putting payment off until the end of the week makes it too easy for people to forget how much they owe.

Students looking to rent apartments should also realize that no matter how much they crunch the numbers, they should be prepared to spend more than their initial calculations.

Boyce Watkins, a Syracuse University professor and author of the book *Everything You Wanted to Know about College*, says students usually don't end up saving quite as much money as expected when moving from a dorm to an apartment.

"The magical math steers you wrong sometimes," Watkins says. "Sometimes you end up paying more than you did living on campus."

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No. 1-ranked soccer team kicks off season with pair of shutouts

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SPORTS EDITOR

In their first two games of the season, the UNO soccer team displayed the dynamic offense and stifling defense that put the 2005 NCAA II championship trophy in the Sapp Fieldhouse trophy case.

The first one was over before it began.

On a muggy Thursday afternoon at Ak-Sar-Ben Field, UNO lined up against the Minnesota-Crookston Golden Eagles, who were 2-19 last year, and administered a predictably piteous 9-0 shellacking.

Senior Amber Richardson, sophomore Amanda Iwansky and freshman Lindsey Nealon each had a pair of goals and two-time All-American senior Beth McGill added a goal and two assists for the top-ranked Mavericks.

The team's furious offensive assault included 37 shot attempts and 22 shots on goal.

Defensively, UNO delivered the equivalent of a perfect game in baseball - zero shot attempts for Minnesota-Crookston.

Despite the lopsided result, Head Coach Don Klosterman felt the game provided a good opportunity for his team to work on the intangibles.

"The goals are nice, getting the scoring is nice," said Klosterman, "but the first thing we look at is what kind of effort did we put out during the game."

"Overall, I think the team played really well. The nice thing was that we got a lot of kids to play and everybody gave very, very good effort," Klosterman said. "Those are the things we care about more than anything else."

Had it been later in the season, the starters may have come out of



photo by Michelle Bishop

Sophomore midfielder Casey Bigsby gets in a tangle with Minnesota-Crookston's Allison Warren. UNO prevented the Golden Eagles from taking a single shot on goal.

the game sooner, but Klosterman believed the most important thing was to provide his athletes with some practical experience and on-the-job conditioning.

"We needed to get those guys to stay in a bit to work on their game fitness, work on playing together," said Klosterman.

Still, the mismatch afforded UNO a more than adequate buffer to get as many players as possible on the field.

"Everybody got a chance to play

quite a bit," said Klosterman.

After their first game, in which the defense denied Minnesota-Crookston even a shot on goal, Maverick goalie Ellen Petersen must have been wondering when she'd get a chance to touch the ball.

Her opportunities came Saturday and she was perfect every time.

Petersen's three saves helped the No. 1-ranked UNO soccer team retain their unblemished record with a 4-0 win over Rockhurst University in Kansas City.

Klosterman credits his entire squad with securing the shutout.

"In soccer, it's all about the team defending so we talk about that a lot with our team, the fact that it's not just the three defenders or the goalie. We look at it as everybody defending and everybody making that commitment," said Klosterman. "Our defense is all over the field."

McGill provided the only scoring of the first half, notching her second goal of the season and giving the Mavs a tenuous 1-0 lead.

"We said to them at halftime that, the first 10 to 15 minutes of this second half, we can't let them get momentum and get coming back at us," said Klosterman, "so we tried to double our pressure."

The plan worked. Soon after the break, UNO started to pull away when sophomore midfielder Whitney Hill converted on a direct kick.

Just a few minutes later, McGill assisted junior forward Brandi Beale to propel the Mavericks to a 3-0 advantage.

"[Beale] really did a great job on that goal," said Klosterman. "So then we're up 3-0 in a matter of minutes and that pretty much broke their backs."

Later in the game, Iwansky closed out the scoring with her team-leading third goal of the year.

Despite the fact that it's early in the season and every team will certainly be gunning for them, Klosterman is pleased with what the defending national champs have shown him so far.

"Every single person defended really, really hard [Saturday], and they have so far, so that's a good sign for us," Klosterman said. "There's not too much to be upset with when you score 13 goals in two games."

Maverick volleyball starts season three-for-three at Jennies Challenge



Stacie Wemhoff



Carlie Christensen

JASON GLENN
SPORTS EDITOR

In this bit of drama, the third act came first.

When the curtain fell on the Central Missouri State Jennies Challenge, the UNO volleyball team

was 3-0 and feeling pretty good about the future.

In their season-opener Thursday night, the Mavericks came back from a two-game deficit to topple 10th-ranked CMSU in five games. For Head Coach Rose Shires, the key was getting her young team to believe they could compete on the highest level.

"We didn't change anything, we just tried to settle down," said Shires. "For more than half the people in the starting lineup, this was their first collegiate starting match. So they were nervous and they were a little unsure of what was going to happen."

Helping the Mavs find their way on offense was junior middle blocker Carlie Christensen, who led the team with 19 kills and 3 service aces. Defensively, Senior Stacie Wemhoff was the catalyst, getting down and dirty for a career-high 26 digs.

Their two remaining matches on Friday might have been an afterthought to the hard-fought upset over a team UNO hadn't beaten since the 1993 season, but the energized Mavericks came out and swept Pittsburg State and William Jewell in three games apiece.

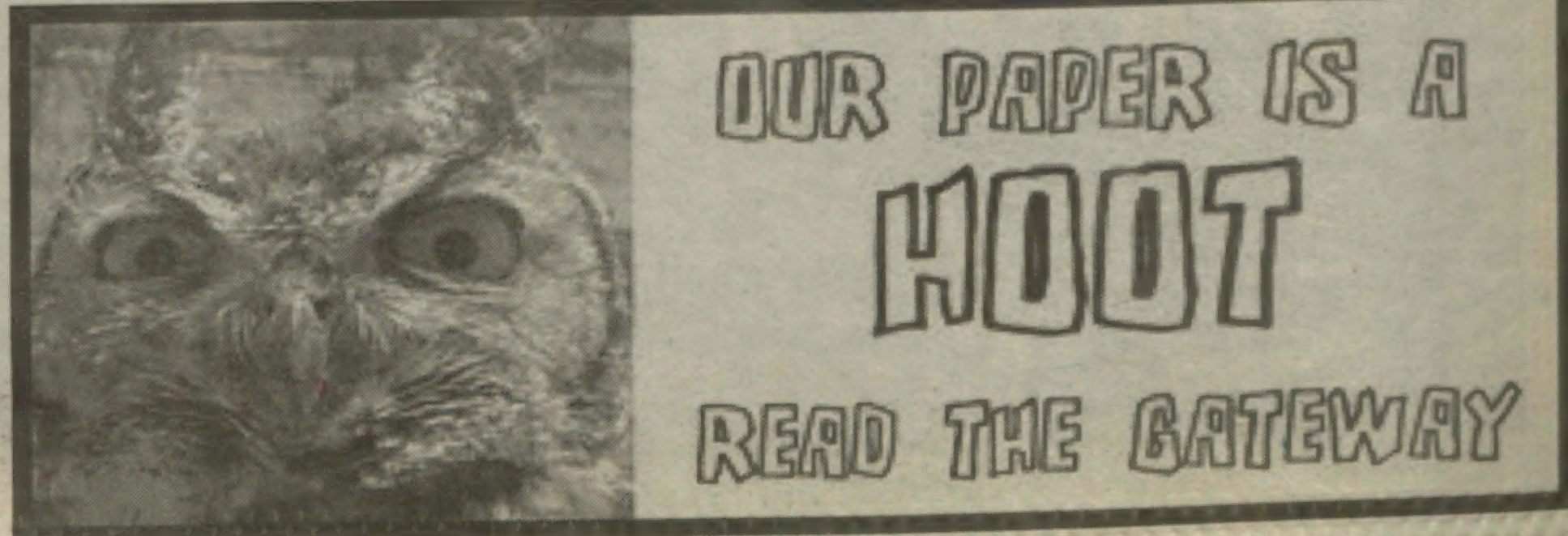
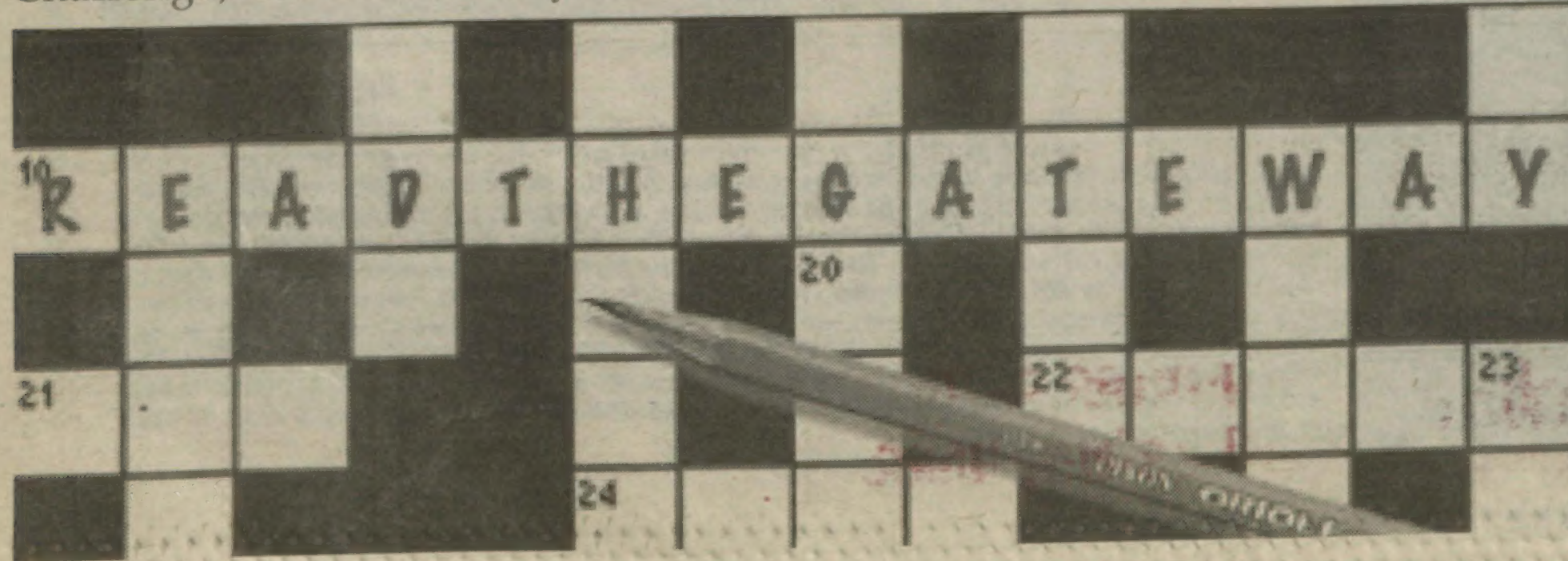
"After that match, we felt confident," said Shires. "We felt as if we'd gotten a booster shot in the arm in terms of energy and focus and it definitely made us feel more competitive for the next day. It made us want to go 3-0 on the weekend."

By the end of the tournament,

Mavs, both new and experienced, had definitely proven they could rise to the challenge. Freshman outside hitter Kelli Goesser recorded 13 kills and 2 blocks in her first collegiate match and senior outside hitter Christina Reicks consistently dominated, notching double-doubles in the first two matches and 14 digs in the third.

"I think this weekend revealed a lot of character, not only to our opponents, but it revealed the character to the team itself," said Shires. "I felt like our players got tested in many different ways...it gave us a great starting point for the season and it's time to get ready for next weekend."

The team's goal, said Shires, is to not rest on their laurels but to constantly work towards improving. "We want to get better every game."



Maverick maelstrom: Keeping track of UNO's troubling summer

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Beginning with the elimination of five jobs in June and the accompanying announcement that financial operations had been running in the red, the UNO athletic department became the focus of a number of interweaving stories that sparked controversy and ignited debate throughout Nebraska.

In the interest of providing as much background as necessary, here is a timeline of the events that made the summer of 2006 anything but an off-season for the UNO athletic department.

June 20 – Citing a revenue shortfall of \$440,000, the UNO athletic department lays off five employees, including Associate Athletic Director Deb Denbeck.

June 21 – North Central Conference rival North Dakota announces its sports program will be making the jump to Division I. UNO Chancellor Nancy Belck says UNO is not considering a similar move.

June 25 – In the wake of budget cuts, the Maverick Beef Club, a primary UNO football booster organization, advises its members to withhold support from the program.

June 29 – UNO Athletic Director David Herbster calls a meeting of athletic department personnel. Maverick booster clubs send a letter to Belck stating they “no longer have faith” in the administrative leadership and want an independent study of the school’s Division II classification.

June 30 – Belck announces that UNO will begin a study of the school’s classification.

July 6 – In a letter to the *Omaha World-Herald’s* “Public Pulse,” University of Nebraska Regent Chuck Hassebrook calls for the elimination of the UNO football team as a way to alleviate budgetary problems.

July 13 – UNO Vice Chancellor John Christensen announces that his task force will look into a video scoreboard project at Caniglia Field that the Beef Club had proposed in fall 2005. Beef Club President Ben Titus says the scoreboard could generate at least \$220,000 a year in advertising revenue.

July 14 – Belck tells boosters in an on-campus meeting that she used \$2 million in university reserve funds over the last two years to cover athletic department deficits. She says the deficits date back to the 2001-02 school year and are related to falling profits in the hockey program.

July 15 – In response to Hassebrook’s comments, Belck says that UNO is not even considering cutting the football program.

July 21 – The *World-Herald* reports that UNO Vice Chancellor for Administration Jim Buck has been receiving a compensation package that includes a car lease and country club membership paid for with athletic department funds.

July 25 – Despite speculation that he may be forced out of the department, Belck announces her support for Herbster.

July 27 – Prominent UNO boosters David Sokol and Lee Sapp announce they won’t make any future commitments until there is an audit of the athletic department’s finances.

July 28 – In a meeting of the NU Board of Regents in Grand Island, University of Nebraska President J.B. Milliken announces that the university’s central administration will audit UNO’s athletic department records. He also announces that former U.S. Senator David Karnes will head a planning committee on the future of Maverick sports.

August 13 – Amid revelations that athletic department funds were also used for his wife’s travel expenses and a satellite radio subscription, Jim Buck resigns.

August 16 – The members of the planning committee to be headed by Karnes are announced. They include prominent Omaha business figures Daniel O’Neill, president of First National Bank of Nebraska, and Jim Young, president and chief executive officer of Union Pacific Corp.

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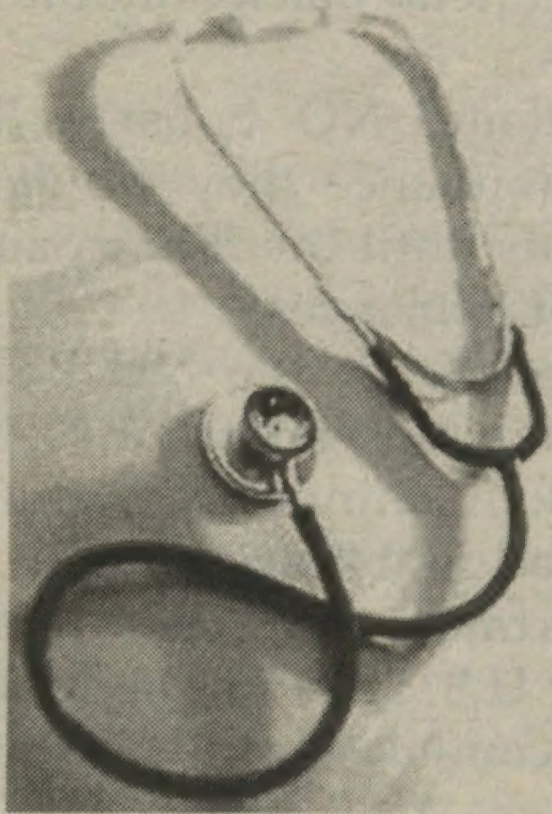
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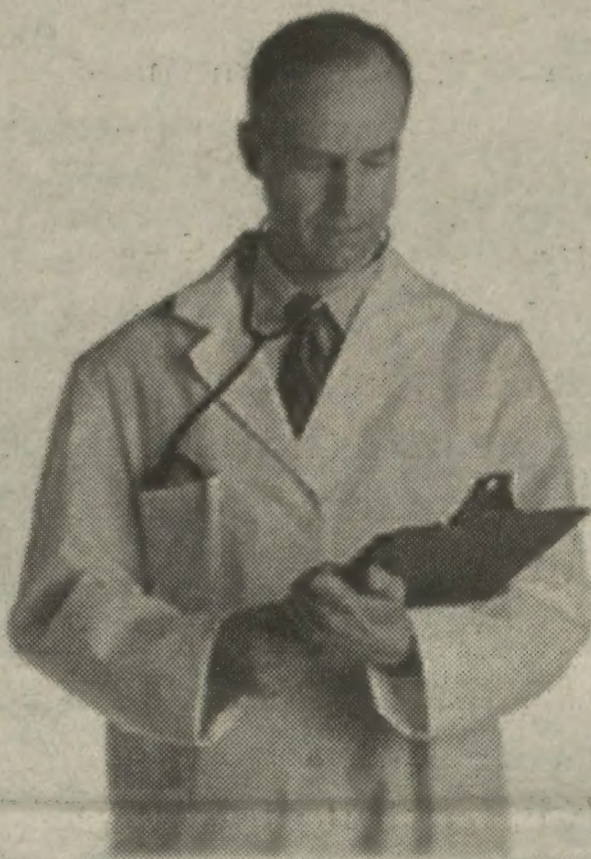
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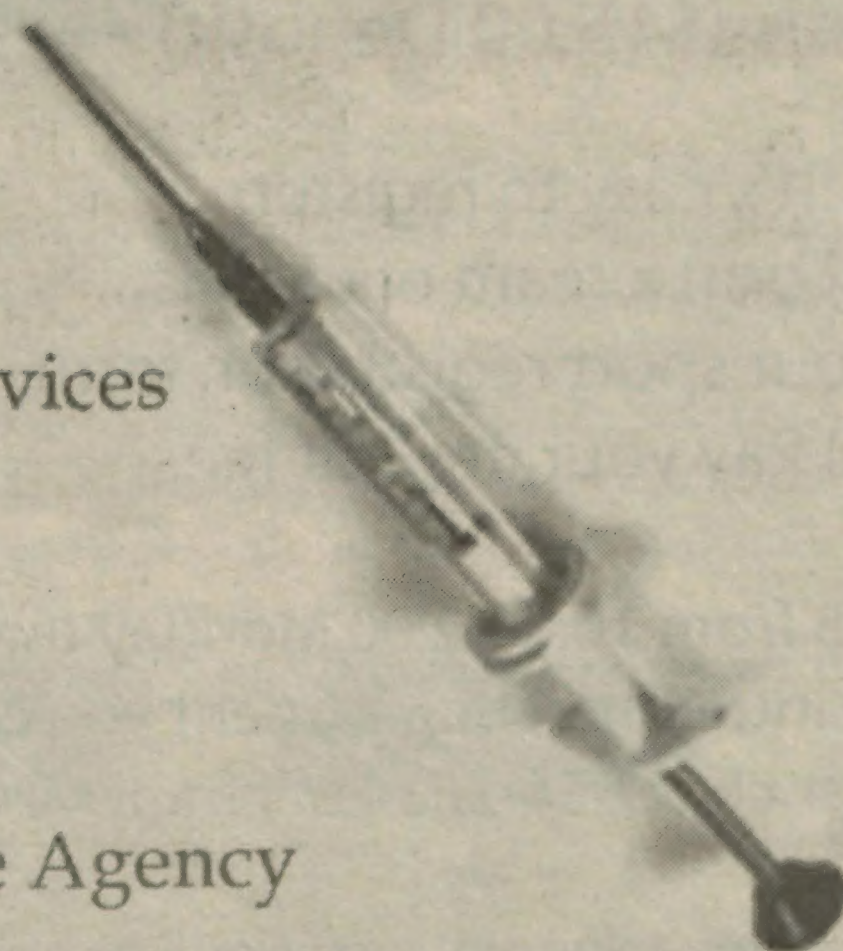


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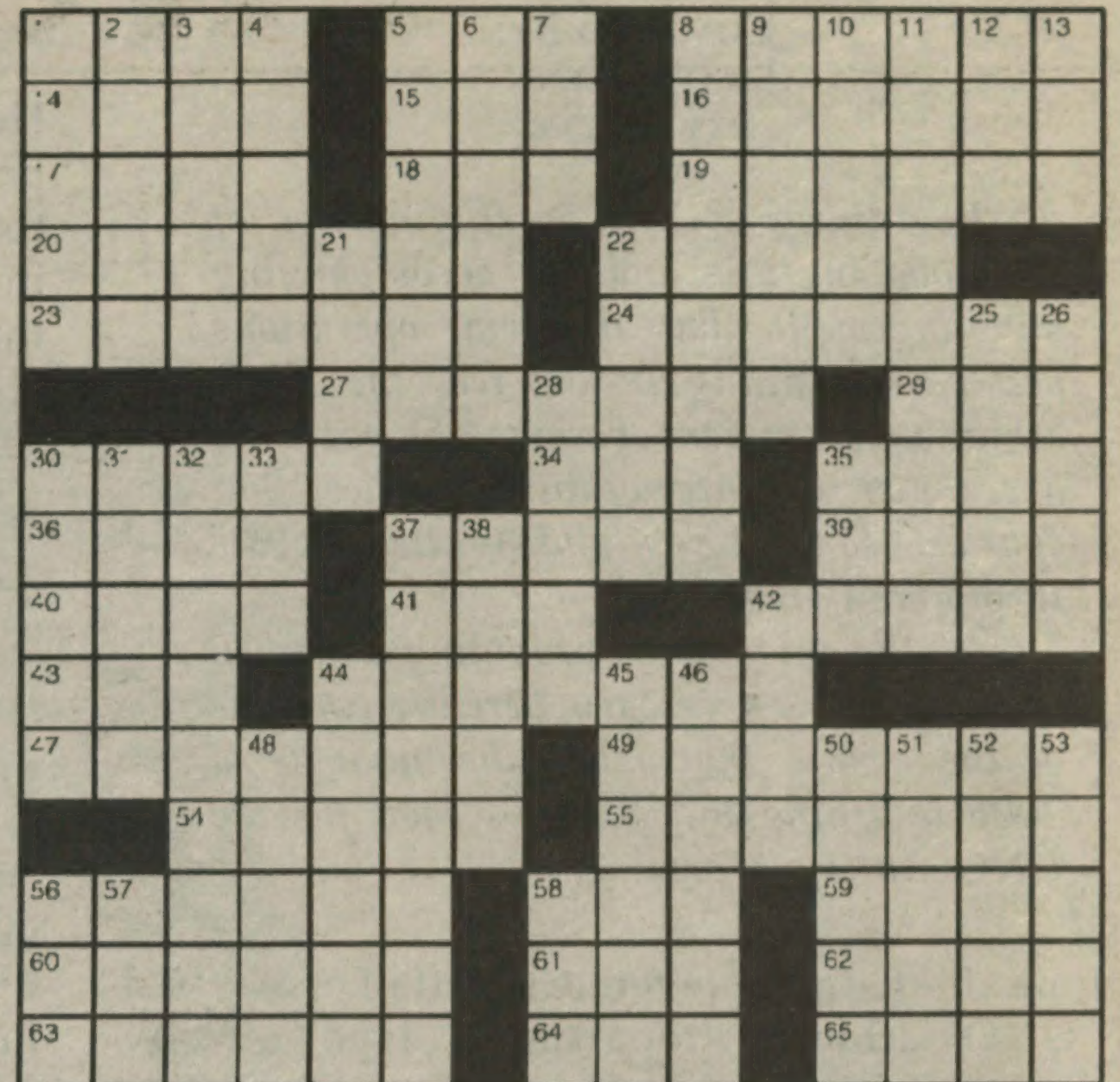
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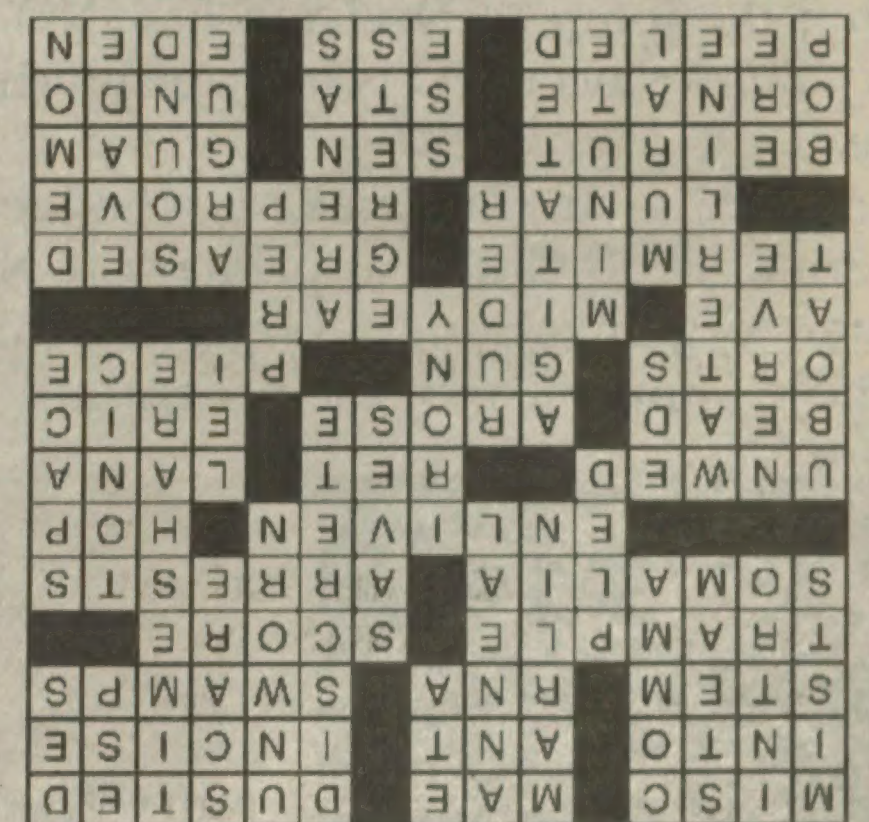
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Where to drink within walking distance of UNO's main campus



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Here are just a few of the options on tap at the 49'r.

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Despite the occasional puff of exhaust in the face, Dodge Street rocks. Anyone who feels like drinking and then driving back to their dorm room is irresponsible has a plethora of options available to them within walking or stumbling distance.

A quick jaunt west will take the enjoyers of fine adult beverages past 72nd Street and up to the Brazen Head, located in the CompUSA Plaza. The place, while a little too stuffy and boring for this cocktail aficionado, offers a variety of beverages, including several dark ales for the Irish in us all. Better than that, it's a hop, skip and a jump back east to Buffalo Wild Wings. And who doesn't want to eat while drinking?

Well, I guess the true pros don't like food to absorb their alcohol, but those of us socializers enjoy a nice wing every now and then. Your standard sports bar fare is easy to find and it's not too pricey either.

At the northern end of the same plaza, drinkers will find Old Chicago. The OC, as I like to call it, really let me down a few years ago when they took their awesome cheesy dip for fries off the menu. However, I have managed to soldier on, moving

further around the globe on my World Beer Tour.

The program offers luses like me the chance to be rewarded for our foolery. After drinking beers from around the planet I think I'll get a golf towel or something lame like that. But, I also get the chance to say, "I drank them all!"

Double bonus! For those of us stupid enough to try it, after you're done drinking you can go across Cass Street and skateboard in the dark at Roberts Skate Park. No fruit-booters allowed, though. It's not a real rule or anything, but roller bladers are lame. They should stay home.

Back on Dodge Street, head back east and past the campus and you'll find eateries that also serve the booze like Goldberg's. They make a sweet burger, have really nice wait staff and it's usually a pretty laid back crowd of more mature diners and drinkers.

Half a city block away, at the Old Dundee, drinkers can find pool tables, darts and pinball waiting for them. The Old Dundee offers a really simple menu with a full bar manned by a very talented staff of mixologists. It is connected to the Dundee Theatre by a non-descript green door. That makes it very feasible to get a little sloshed, watch some great independent films and then get another cold and foamy treat without ever braving the elements. I wish I had thought of that.

Yet another block east is the true jewel of the Dodge Street crawl: the 49'r Lounge. Never called anything but the 9'r by the regulars, it is a hang out for everyone from tight-sweater wearing indie rock boys to girls with pink Mohawks. Sometimes you get really lucky and the hot guy in the red scarf is there. Then you can sit and stare at him and not speak because you are afraid to talk in his presence. Not that I've done that before, but if you want to you can. It is perfectly normal to hear Elvis Costello followed by Ol' Dirty Bastard chased by Death Cab for Cutie spilling out of the jukebox.

The bartenders at the 9'r are wicked hot and super nice to boot. They even have their own Myspace. com page: myspace.com/49rlounge. Kwami, the lead bartender/bar manager extraordinaire, always has a cool, bubbling fountain of "purple stuff" waiting for you. The "purple stuff" is a thing of urban legend. It tastes like a grape lollipop and packs the kind of punch that will knock the

welterweights out before they now what has hit them. It'll even hit the heavyweights by surprise. It is a top-secret recipe that, no matter how many low-cut shirts I've worn, I can't get. It pretty much rules. (F.Y.I. It does stain red when you puke it up.)

There are more options available in all directions, but these are the most accessible and all have bus access, too.

Editors note: Nowhere in this commentary should it be read that the Gateway is suggesting you get yourself hammered nightly or at all before you're legally allowed. But for those who are 21 years old and don't want to risk drinking and driving, there are many sweet options available at the cost of a little shoe leather. Well, shoe leather and beer money.



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Bartender Larry Meader pours a Guinness at the Brazen Head.

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Eric Starlin, a bartender at the 49'r, makes a shot for a customer. "We always have the best booze in the house," Starlin said.

Omaha Community Playhouse lets it all hang out with *The Full Monty*

MICHAEL MCMANUS

PEOPLE EDITOR

From the minute I pulled up to the Omaha Community Playhouse, I knew I was going to enjoy my evening. First of all, there was a radical Christian standing outside the building telling everyone they were going to hell, and second of all, the Playhouse was giving out free punch and cookies.

Upon walking into the building, I became a little weary. The audience was the usual OCP clientele: senior men and women. I couldn't help but ask myself, "do they know what *The Full Monty* is all about?" Well, apparently they did because there wasn't a moment throughout the musical that the auditorium wasn't filled with laughter.

Let's cut to the chase. The musical was awesome. Not in the cute or humorous way, but in the sidesplitting, my-eyes-are-filled-with-tears type of way.

For those of you not familiar with *The Full Monty*, here is the Mike McManus Monty summary:

A bunch of steelworkers are laid off from their jobs. They are left without money and the job market is nearly non-existent. A traveling Chippendales show stops in their city and they notice how much attention these strippers are getting from the women in their town. A lightbulb goes off in the men's heads and they decide that they would like to give it a try. Throw in a fat guy, two guys who fall in love, a black man named "Horse" (pun intended) and two guys who can sing, and you have *The Full Monty*.

The show was just a joy to watch from beginning to end. The performers were comparable to those you would find on stages in NYC and the lead character, Seth

Fox, played by Jerry Lukowski, gave me chills every time he opened his mouth.

The set was very impressive with motorized pieces moving throughout the show, and numerous settings were created with a simple switch of the background.

My only complaint with the performance was the lackluster, rhythmless male stripper at the beginning of the show. His dancing was painful to watch.

Some of the other shining characters were Jeanette Burmeister (Lois Nemec), the old piano player with a foul mouth and a thirst for liquor, and Malcolm Macgregor (Ryan Elberhart) who played a very 40 Year Old Virgin-ish nerdy man who lives with his mother and failed at committing suicide.

I personally think that this musical was a huge step forward for the Omaha Community Playhouse. They are obviously trying to reach beyond their normal regulars, and by the looks of the crowd they are beginning to succeed. The crowd was mixed from the young couple in front of me to the old couple behind me (who kept asking each other what the actors were saying). Though, I do have to say, it was fun seeing older women and men laughing at the same sexual jokes I was laughing at. The whole experience was "Grade A."

I encourage everyone to go out and see *The Full Monty*. Be prepared to laugh, see some skin and see some more skin! You may be asking, "how much skin?" That's up to you to find out. The show does contain mature language and subject matter, but what quality show doesn't?

The Full Monty is on stage from Aug. 25 to Sept. 24, 2006. Shows from Wed. to Sat. start at 7:30 p.m. with two shows on Sun. The matinee show is at 2 p.m. and the evening performance starts at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$36 for adults and \$22 for students.



Fans get ready for Flyleaf, one of the main acts of the 2006 Family Values Tour.

photo by Charley Reed

Mostly fun at KC Family Values

CHARLEY REED

ASST. A & L/PEOPLE EDITOR

After nine hours at the "2006 Family Values Tour" concert in Kansas City, Mo., I was tired, sunburned, partially deaf and left with mostly positive feelings about the festival I first had the pleasure of seeing seven years ago.

Everything went smoothly upon arriving at the Verizon Wireless Amphitheater. There was little-to-no traffic and the line of people moved quickly, with hardly any hassle from security. Once we got inside, we scoped out the surroundings, but were disappointed to find only one, of probably a dozen, booth was selling actual "Family Values" merchandise, the cheapest article of memorabilia being a \$15 necklace. Not cool.

Thankfully, I didn't buy anything there. As I soon found out, I needed most of the money I brought to buy \$5 cups of ice cream and at least half a dozen bottles of water at \$3.50 a piece just to stay hydrated. Also not cool.

These high prices for merchandise and necessities of survival were still trying to process their way through my head when I headed down to my seat, only to find that my view of the massive stage was obstructed by a big, blue, sound tent. Considering my

ticket cost me \$40 and another \$40 to fill up my gas tank just to get down to Kansas City, to say I was frustrated would be a bit of an understatement.

Suffice to say I spent the rest of the show hopping from empty seat to empty seat, moving when the actual ticket holders showed up or when crowd control did ticket checks. The actual show soon got under way. However, it was unlike other "second stage" setups I had seen in the past. This time the second-stage performers were actually just one long, segmented opening act.

This meant that Dir en Grey was not playing between Bullets and Octane and Deadsy like I had hoped. Instead it meant that Dir en Grey was sandwiched between the two Christian bands, 10 Years and Flyleaf. Considering the lead singer of Dir en Grey made himself bleed on stage and one of the band's songs was called "Child Prey," the sequence was amusing.

The opening acts for festival were all pretty good, but there were really only two out of the five that caught my attention, each for different reasons.

The band 10 Years was easily the crowd's favorite, getting a standing ovation from almost everyone after their set. The other surprise was the opening band, Walls

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Omaha's new subculture Web site for electronic dance music is here

On The Beat



Brent Crampton

As Omaha's sprawling cosmopolitan landscape spreads with the sale of real estate and the chopping down of trees to make way for keys to new houses, you'll find subcultured nuances of people throughout.

Neighborhoods such as the Old Market, Dundee, Benson, Millard, South, North and West Omaha all have their cultural characteristics, which are often mirrored onto the blasted interface of the Internet. Those neighborhoods, with the streets and alleys, translate into the dips and curves within a computer chip on a server, showcasing Web sites that each subculture submits to, interacts in and exchanges information through.

Sites like Omahanightlife.com, serve as a general guide to the nightlife in the area. Slamomaha.com gives a place for bands to post event info and chat about the scene. Omahahiphop.com gives a marketing platform for its emerging artists. But for electronic dance music (EDM), there's a little pit stop on the cyberspace road of Omaha called EDMOmaha.com.

With the sole purpose of providing a web-based catalyst for the EDM scene to communicate and interact on, founder James Passolt said, "A lot of friends needed an online forum to waste time at work and, of course, find out about local EDM events and music."

Much in the developing stages, you'll find the most content on the forum pages, where local DJs, promoters and fans alike will visit regularly to find out event information, talk trash, give props on a new release or just perpetuate inside jokes.

And while EDMOmaha has been in operation since April, "obviously, (the site) came about as a replacement for Technomaha.com," Passolt said.

EDMOmaha is not the first of its kind. Technomaha, founded by Nolan Gaskill in 2003, was a popular predecessor.

"A large community had grown around that site," Passolt said.

For Gaskill, a former UNO student, a site like Technomaha's biggest function

is to maintain a sense of community.

"As I grew increasingly apart from the EDM scene in town, it became harder to remain focused on holding that community together myself," Gaskill said.

So in the last days, he decided to pass the torch onto Passolt who wanted to take Technomaha and make it more.

In taking the next step, Passolt said he's added a web-streaming radio, either playing DJ mix sets of local talent or airing live broadcasts. Further, he's implementing an events calendar and an event flyer archive.

Despite the additions, the change from Technomaha to EDMOmaha has seen a diaspora of online attendance.

"I feel as though we have lost a lot of the members in Lincoln and other areas outside of Omaha since a lot of them still haven't found out about the new site," Passolt said. Mentioning a need for promotion, he said, "everyone on now has mostly found the site through word of mouth or myspace bulletins."

And while Passolt feels that myspace.com has partially filled in a gap that sites like Technomaha and EDMOmaha once suited, his site is more specialized.

"EDMOmaha is a bit different than a lot of online communities like MySpace in the fact that most of us actually know each other and hang out," Passolt said. "I haven't actually met over three-fourths of my MySpace list."

Forum moderator Shawn Patrick said, "The new site really hasn't been the same for me, so I don't visit it as often."

The site for him has "a certain crew of people and they are going to be the ones at the shows, but there are only about 30 of them."

Nonetheless he feels it serves an essential function.

"The biggest thing that is important about that is that you can go on there and find out who's playing when and where."

According to Gaskill, Technomaha on average received hits from 1,500 unique computers a month, while EDMOmaha received 796 in July. But when asked if the transfer from Technomaha to EDMOmaha, lack of promotion of the new site and the subsequent increase in the popularity of social networking sites such as MySpace.com has been the cause of a decline in activity, Passolt was optimistic in response.

"Actually since April, EDMOmaha has been increasing in activity," he said. "I think that will grow more when we get around to promoting more."



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Terrance Howard looks to buy Antwan "Big Boi" Patton's club in the upcoming movie *Idlewild*, currently in theaters.

It's getting easier out there for Idlewild star Terrence Howard

By DANIEL FIENBERG
ZAP2IT.COM
(MCT)

(LOS ANGELES) It's doubtful that Terrence Howard can go anywhere these days without being asked if it's still hard out there for a pimp.

The press day for Howard's new film *Idlewild* is no exception, but the *Hustle & Flow* star greets the inevitable question with a big smile.

"It's a little easier now," he says with his high, smooth voice that makes every sentence sound like a song.

He isn't kidding. After years as one of Hollywood's most valuable supporting actors, mainstream audiences suddenly learned Howard's name last summer when he went from *Crash* to *Hustle & Flow* to *Four Brothers* to *Get Rich or Die Tryin'* in a matter of months.

One year later, Howard is an in-demand star, lining up roles with Bernie Mac in *Push*, with Richard Gere in *Spring Break in Bosnia* and with Jodie Foster in *The Brave One*.

"It's the people you're working with," said the 2006 Oscar nominee. "Anybody can throw a party. Somebody's throwing a party around the corner, that's great, there's a party over there. But when they tell you that so-and-so's going to be there and you kinda like so-and-so, you're going to be at that party and it's going to be a good party. So I go to the party based on the people that are there. Because we can make up the music, we can do whatever we gotta do, go back and have a drink if you want. But it's the people involved that's gonna make the party."

It was actually the party principle that attracted Howard to *Idlewild* post-*Hustle*. He insists that he signed on for the Depression-era musical without even looking at the script once he heard it starred Outkast's Andre "Andre 3000" Benjamin and Antwan "Big Boi" Patton. While the shoot offered plenty of opportunities to jam with the Grammy-winning artists, Howard, an aspiring musician himself, just stood back and watched.

"When you see lions up there fighting, you don't jump in the cage," he chuckled. "These cats, these guys are great. Andre and (fellow co-star) Macy Gray and Antwan, they've been at this for 15-odd years. They've mastered what they do. I will not come and trip them up. I don't even know how to hold the damn mic properly, so I wouldn't even try and touch it."

That gave Howard the time to concentrate on his *Idlewild* character Trumpy, an underestimated stooge who turns into a cutthroat gangster.

"He was grounded," Howard explained. "Remember, everything was about principal. Everything was about immediate response to commands. He had a way about him -- you do not let me build your company for all these years and then fail to acknowledge my contribution by giving me the opportunity to run it. You do not do that. His feelings were hurt and when you hurt a child's feelings, the child responds. And when you hurt a child inside of a hurt man's feelings, a monster responds. It was born out of the neglect of those around him. That's how I justify him."

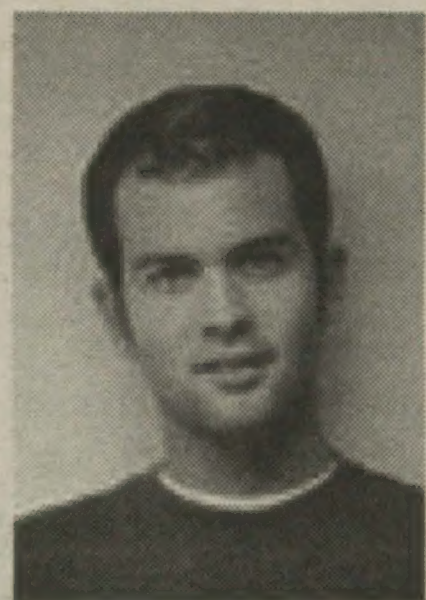
It wasn't hard for Howard to tap into the character's dark side. The actor's past includes a 2000 arrest for assault (charges were dropped), but he says that his increased prominence has coincided with a certain level of inner peace.

"I wanted something that emotionally I wasn't ready for because I was a bit of a hothead," Howard said of his earlier aspirations. "I grew up in a very rough part of life and it was a whole different thing culturally. Someone's disrespect was handled in a completely different manner. And so when I first came to the set, you know how rude people can be in this business. And everyone else has the common sense to just walk away or suck it up. I didn't know how to suck up nothing. And I wasn't about biting my tongue. So I made my road very hard for myself, until I learned how to maintain my integrity and at the same time keep the peace."



Protestors waste time, posterboard Senate further from Dems' reach

How Typical



Michael McManus

I hate protestors. To me, standing on the corner of a street holding a sign with radical text plastered across a piece of paper accomplishes nothing. Am I going to change my views from one to another because your sign says my morals are wrong? No. If anything, it only fuels the fire inside me to continue to believe in what I find true.

I went to see *The Full Monty* at the Omaha Community Playhouse this past Friday. As soon as I got out of my car a Christian protestor was standing outside, megaphone in hand, telling all the ticket holders to "turn away from the sin." I looked at him, smiled and walked through the glass doors.

Honestly, what do people like him expect us to do? Turn away and get back into our cars because they told us that we were being sinful?

Give me a break. What gives this man the right to tell me what is right and wrong? He told us that we should have spent the \$35 used to buy tickets to feed starving children. Then again, instead of standing outside yelling uneducated hate towards respectful people, this man could have used the money spent on that megaphone, the poster board and, more importantly, the time he is wasting by standing outside on these starving children he so passionately speaks of.

I'm constantly fighting for my personal human rights. I'm gay. I want to get married. I want to adopt children. Two things that I can't do right now. Sure, I could stand outside on the corner of 72nd and Dodge with a poster in my hand saying "support the gays," but nothing would be accomplished. I would get the occasional supporter, but me standing outside with a sign isn't going to persuade people who are already against me to start supporting my cause.

There are other ways. I write for a gay news magazine informing

our community on advancements in human rights; a friend of mine volunteers at a 24-hour help line for troubled youth; my mom and dad pray and show love and support to their families on a daily basis. We are all accomplishing things and fighting for things we believe in, in our own ways. And we aren't using poster board, standing outside or wasting our breath yelling for support.

The man who stands outside of the Planned Parenthood building on 46th and Dodge streets accomplishes nothing. He holds a cross and a poster with mutilated dead babies. Young girls who enter the building in search of a shoulder to cry on are instilled with shame.

The women who were standing on 72nd and Dodge this past Saturday with signs saying "close our borders" accomplished nothing. Although immigrants who crossed the borders in hopes of a better life are also filled with shame.

We all have certain beliefs that make us unique. I look forward to one day walking down 72nd and Dodge streets, past the protestors, holding my husband's hand without any fear of second glances.

Would that be considered a protest in itself? Perhaps. But think of how much more that would accomplish. Maybe the old couple driving past me will have never seen two gay men holding hands. We will look normal, and even happy. Maybe we will have our children sitting on our shoulders. The children will look happy, too. A protest in itself, and no poster or megaphone required.

Silence truly can be the best tool. Don't throw your beliefs in my face. I respect them, but I don't necessarily agree with them. The Christian standing outside the playhouse disagreed with me going to the play; well, I disagree with some of his beliefs. However, I am not going to stand in front of his church yelling words of hate. I respect his beliefs. I just don't want to hear them.

So grab your poster and pen and protest if you must. I will continue to drive by you and sympathize for the time you are wasting. While you're standing outside, I'll be inside silently fighting for my rights and making progress everyday, which in turn will potentially give you more things to protest against.

Protest that.

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Earlier this month, Connecticut Sen. Joe Lieberman was defeated in a primary election by Ned Lamont. He has since become an Independent Democrat now currently leading against Lamont in the polls.

First off, Sen. Lieberman is one of the few Democrats I highly respect. In regards to the war in Iraq, I'd take his opinion over that of Rep. John Murtha, namely because Lieberman was actually in Iraq on four separate occasions after we took Saddam out of power, according to an editorial he penned for the Wall Street Journal. Murtha, on the other hand, hasn't visited Iraq since he fought in the first gulf war (last time I checked, this is the second gulf war). More importantly, he's stood roughly alone among his fellow party members.

To quote Joseph Sweeney from *12 Angry Men*: "It's not easy to stand alone against the ridicule of others." That's what Lieberman has had to do and is now putting up with from his own party.

But his defeat in the primary has just made the Democrats' task of retaking the Senate tougher. Here's why. According to the U.S. Senate Web site, the number of seats up for election this year, as divided by party, are: 15 Republican seats, 17 Democratic seats and 1 Independent seat. The current makeup of the Senate is 55 Republican seats, 44 Democratic seats and 1 Independent seat. According to the math, the Republicans can afford to lose five seats and still keep control of the Senate. Remember, in case of

tie votes in the Senate, Vice President Dick Cheney casts the deciding vote, folks.

However, Democrats not only have to hold onto all 17 of their seats, but must also siphon away seven seats if they want control. But now that Sen. Lieberman may become the next Independent to enter the Senate, now they must siphon eight seats for control. And trust me, taking seats isn't as easy as it seems.

For experiment's sake, let's say that anti-incumbent sentiment causes the seats up for grabs to switch parties. If the lone Independent seat were to go to Republicans, the makeup would be 58-42 in favor of Republicans. Now, if the seat went to Democrats, it would still be 57-43, still in favor of Republicans. Statistically, the Senate's going to still be in Republican hands. However, the House of Representatives is tougher to gauge, since everybody's under the

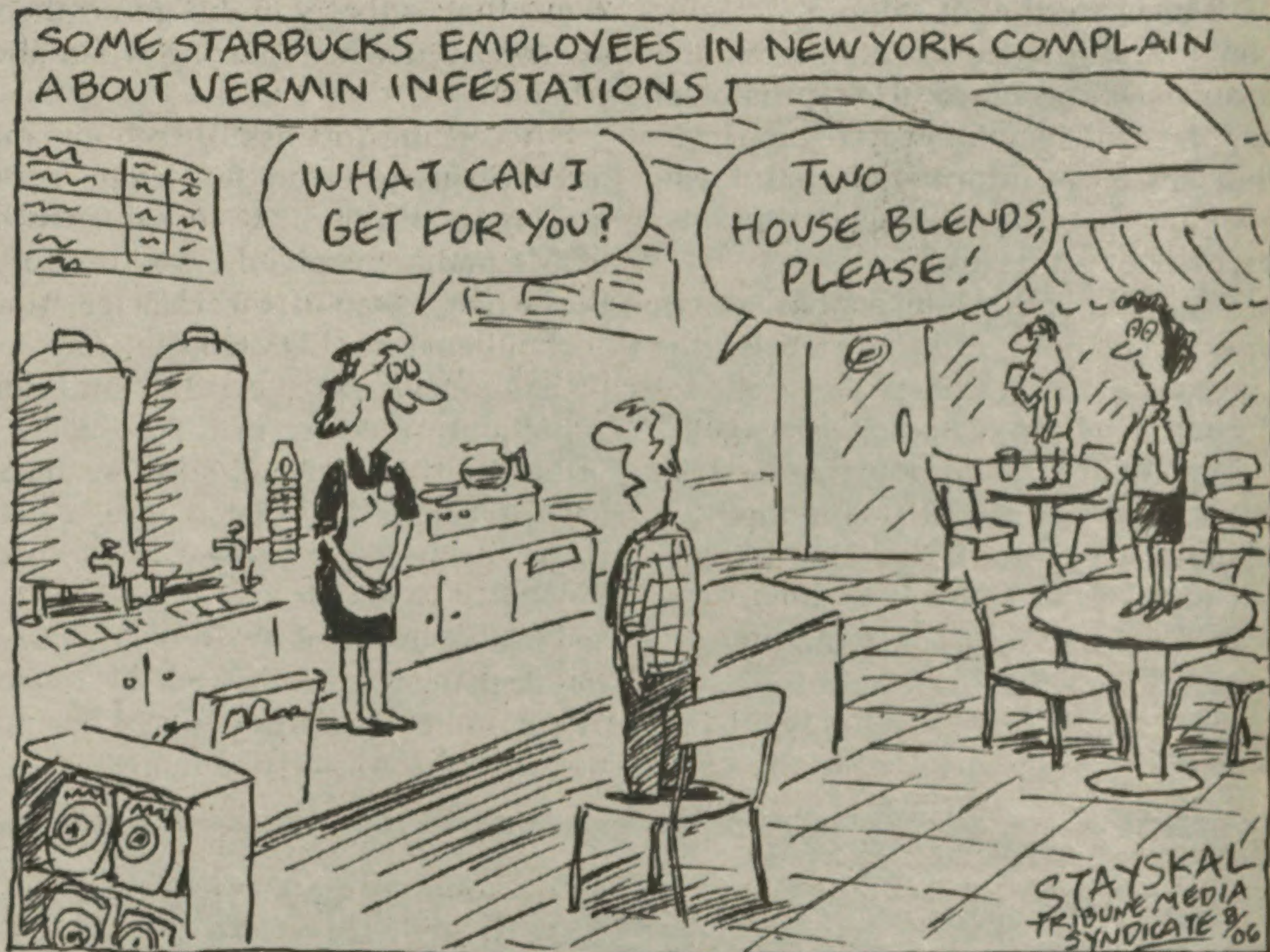
gun.

Still, with Sen. Lieberman's defeat and resurrection, Democrats have made things tougher in their route to retake the Senate, which in my opinion is the more important of the two Congressional houses to control. And with nearly everybody supporting Lamont, but the polls saying Sen. Lieberman is still leading, I also believe that if Democrats want to make 2006 a referendum on Bush's second term or the war in Iraq (like they tried in 2004), then the Connecticut race will be the referendum on Democrats and their anti-war position. But then again, that's as far as I'm concerned...

As Far As I'm Concerned



Matthew Lytle



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Klansman shouldn't be boy in blue Katrina inaction belongs to everyone

I have to admit that I've been wondering what kind of behavior will be tolerated by society in 5, 10 or 20 years from now. I was browsing through the papers and news Web sites like I always do. I saw a story that I had to read four times to fully understand it.

Nebraska State Trooper Robert Henderson was fired in March. On Aug. 25, the state had to go to court to fight to keep Henderson off of the force. Arbitrator Paul J. Caffera, brought in by the state trooper's union, was fighting to get Henderson's job back. Caffera claims that Henderson's First Amendment Rights were violated by the termination of his job. The appeal states that Henderson was fired because of his membership in the Knight's Party and the Ku Klux Klan.

The state stood its ground, saying Henderson was not fired because of his association with the groups, but because he would be unable to uphold the public trust while belonging to those groups.

I'm going to agree with the state on this one. When did society become so timid, so politically correct that racism could be assumed as one of a person's First Amendment Rights? Why are we afraid to stop this kind of absurdity?

This sort of behavior is tolerated because people are afraid of negative criticism. No matter how callous or terrible other people's actions are,

society is afraid to openly disagree with them because nobody wants to seem intolerant.

This brings me back to my first question: What will be acceptable in society 10 years from now? How long will it take until someone tries to spin discrimination as an act of free speech? If racism is OK, then how much longer will it take us to forget all the other lessons history has taught us?

It's easy to be openly against organizations like the KKK when they're nothing more than men in sheets. Why is it harder to be against that behavior when we can see the man's face and look at him as an individual?

Every election year, we're told that every single vote counts. Well, in this case, every single act of uneducated political correctness

counts. If we just stand by and let the considerations of a person's feelings overtake what is right and wrong (legally and morally), we will not be able to maintain the ideals of this country for much longer.

I encourage all of you to stand up for what you know is right, even if you have to hurt someone's feelings in the process. Everyone's got his or her own opinion, but it's not politically correct to be part of the majority anymore? Give me a break.

All comments are welcome at lance.t.allen@gmail.com

Give me a break



Lance Allen

Bitter with Age



Angi Sada

One year ago today the storm hit and the levees broke. Hundreds of thousands clawed their way through the waterlogged streets or watched from rooftops as a merciless train of water tore through their hometowns.

They watched as the carcasses of their homes and the dead bodies of their neighbors were washed down the delta and into the waiting mouth of the Gulf of Mexico. The gulf swallowed them blindly and swallowed them whole.

Survivors clamored into the Superdome and ran for Houston as soon as they could. They farmed their children out to relatives in dry states.

Their tear-streaked faces were draped across magazine and newspaper covers while their stories dominated the scenes coming from the major networks.

That's where they were, but where are they now?

It is almost a disgrace to equate last Aug. 29 to Christmas, but that's what it was like. Hurricane Katrina and her aftermath were new toys; unwrapped, played with for a few weeks and promptly forgotten.

There are still thousands of Americans without permanent homes, children without schools and animals without food. There are historical relics left in ruins and spirits clinging to the faint hope that life will be normal again.

While the rest of the country grouches for having to pay extra at the pump, there are thousands of workers without work along the Gulf Coast. Thousands more in Houston are feeling the pinch of stretched hospitality.

Hundreds who have chosen to stay in the region are still waiting for FEMA trailers.

And the rest of the nation is tripping over themselves to catch a

glimpse of Baby Suri.

The United States is suffering from a seriously shameful case of Attention Deficit Disorder. Our fellow Americans are still hurting and our focus has shifted away from them in a profound and embarrassing way.

On this, the first anniversary of the greatest natural disaster to touch our shores in recorded history, it is imperative that we wipe the sleep from our eyes and acknowledge our joint failures as a civilized society. The blame does not solely belong to a feeble and haphazard administration any longer. A year later, it belongs to all of us.

However, we are not bound to wear that in shame. On this day of retrospection, we can position ourselves to change the fate of these many homeless Americans. And in turn, we can change the encyclopedia entry on Katrina.

With a concerted effort by all, the entry could no longer say, "Many of Katrina's victims lived out the rest of their days destitute and unable to return to their own homes."

Instead, it could read a little something like this: "On the first anniversary of this tragedy millions of Americans stepped up and reacted with compassion. They stopped focusing on plasma screen TVs and supermarket tabloids. They started giving what they could: time, money, or a pair of strong hands. And, just as it was prophesized more than a hundred years earlier, the south rose again."

That can't happen if Americans go home tonight, plop themselves down in front of the idiot box and watch newscasts with the same glazed-over eyes they use to watch "Project Runway." It can only become real if Americans turn their third eye inward and change their behaviors to benefit their neighbors as readily as they do themselves.

In 1986, Bob Geldolf wrote a song about the drought and famine that plagued Africa as a fundraiser. In it he said, "Well, tonight thank God it's them instead of you."

Do that. Today thank whatever higher power fuels your faith. Then, rather than pushing it back to the deepest, darkest recesses of your mind, claim your part of the blame and do something proactive to help the survivors.

College Dems not the place for me

Sinister Slant



Scott Stewart

My freshman year at UNO began at the height of Election 2004. The question of the day was whether George W. Bush would be re-elected president or whether the American people would reject the Supreme Court's appointee.

Since I was a freshman, I've followed the advice of, well, everyone. I began to explore various campus organizations. I attended a Circle K meeting and decided I didn't want to pay dues. I attended the focus group meeting at the dorm. Didn't care.

Then I thought I found where I belonged: College Democrats.

The Democrats offered me a way to scratch that dissident itch in my personality. It gave me hope. I really believed that we could turn Nebraska purple.

Kinda sounds religious, in retrospect.

The rhetoric back then, as it will be next year, focused on how Nebraska is one of the few states that can split its electoral votes among multiple candidates. The hope was that the district containing Omaha might vote

for John Kerry, making Nebraska a mixture of red and blue, in other words, purple.

Anyway, I thought the College Dems were a perfect fit. I attended a few meetings, offered to start planning their blog and started to think about how I could contribute.

Then at one of the meetings, a representative from the Nebraska Democratic Party attended and talked to us about campaigning. He told us that negative rhetoric was, statistically speaking, slightly more effective than focusing on positive campaign messages.

It was then that I started thinking. I can't stand all the lies.

I realized I didn't want to spend my time campaigning for a politician I only supported because he wasn't Bush. I didn't want to spend my time putting up childish attack ads for a national political party.

The College Dems weren't the place for me. Neither was the Democratic Party.

In the end, the only functional difference between the Democrats and the Republicans is who bought which politicians. They are both wings of a beast that supports big business and ignores the poor and politically powerless.

Americans need to come together and demand change. None of us, social conservative, social liberals, anarchists or totalitarians, should want a government that lies to its citizens.

But that's exactly what we have, and until we demand something better, that's exactly what we're going to get.



Cute chicks at the Nebraska State Fair



photo by Michelle Bishop

Visitors can view a variety of newborn animals, such as this baby chick, at the Livestock Birthing Pavilion in the KidzZone area at the Nebraska State Fair in Lincoln. The fair, which continues until Sept. 4, also features a midway and nightly concerts. A schedule of activities can be found at <http://www.statefair.org/>.

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of Jericho, whose female lead singer was jumping around the stage so aggressively she nearly crashed in to the drum set behind her. While I did laugh, I do have to give her credit for starting a mosh pit on the lawn.

The main stage lineup was much improved, but suffered from the same audio problems the second stage acts had. If a sound technician is going to spend 30 minutes (or well over an hour in the cases of the Deftones and Korn) to check the audio, it shouldn't sound like you are shoving a rabid animal through a garbage disposal.

The saving graces of the show were Stone Sour and Korn, both of whom played perfectly to the crowd, something I always appreciate seeing at live shows. This is not to be confused with the crowd reaction that Deftones initiated, getting the now crowded lawn to throw half-full bottles of beer, water and soda on to those sitting below.

The other impressive aspects of these two bands were their stage setups. Korn had the most impressive setup I've seen in years, going all out with an instrumental setup that nearly spanned the entire stage, two video screens, strobe lights and a very cool-looking custom H.R. Geiger microphone stand.

Maybe it was because the sun's setting relieved the heat of my sunburn, or maybe it was because I knew that my nine-hour concert experience would soon be over, but I was thoroughly impressed by what Korn brought to the stage. Their willingness to embrace the fans gave me a whole new respect for the band.

While there were admittedly some major flaws with the show, performances from 10 Years, Dir en Grey, Stone Sour and, most impressively, Korn, were so entertaining that the good far outweighed the bad.

While I may have the immediate pain of sunburn and a burning hole in my wallet, the memories of this show, both the good and the bad, will stay with me for a long, long time.

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where he wants to see the college go, including greater integration of the IS&T program with other disciplines.

"We already integrate with other science programs and we bring in other colleges to make them better," Ali said. "But

I also want to work with the other colleges and industries to branch out the IS&T college and make us better."

"It was wonderful to have worked with such an exciting group of individuals, and an especially outstanding

group of students," Hinton said.

Although Hinton was once again being tongue in cheek, both he and the students knew there was more truth than joke in his statement.

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